CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Flames of War

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1800412.003

Medium: Video File

Director: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: English, Arabic

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Unrestricted.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 09 April 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 09 April 2019

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	Flames of War	2:14
Total running time:		2:14

Summary of reasons for decision:

The video comprises the lyrics of an Arabic nasheed (song) with English subtitles, which refer to violent warfare, juxtaposed with an image of war-like words that are shown on fire. The Classification Office considers that the video does not deal with violence to an extent or degree or in a manner that renders its availability likely to be injurious to the public good. Nor does it contain any direct reference to terrorist organisations or activity, so it cannot be said to promote and encourage acts of terrorism. The video does not deal with other matters of concern to the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993. It must, therefore, be classified unrestricted. This classification is consistent with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.